

Net Neutrality: Statement on Google/Verizon Proposal

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On August 9th, 2010, Google and Verizon publicly offered their joint policy proposal for an open Internet. I am glad that these industry leaders are contributing to the network neutrality discussion and that they say they support net neutrality. Unfortunately, their proposal does not protect open access for all who are connecting wirelessly, technology that is key to expanding broadband access to all Americans. Importantly, the proposal highlights the urgent need for appropriate federal oversight of an ever evolving Internet to ensure its open, fair, and equal access. Only then will the Internet's potential to encourage freedom of thought and innovation be enjoyed by all Americans.